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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 11/24/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the combination of Yuyama, Takei, and Yoshinobu does not explicitly teach detecting a receiving state of the waves of television broadcast.

In response, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Takei teaches the detection circuit judges the proper reception status, based on the signal level of the received carrier, and the control unit controls the recording operation of the recording unit, based on the result of such judgment in [0107] and S803 – S814 of Fig. 8.

Applicant argues that there is no motivation for combining Takei and Yoshinobu.

In response, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Yoshinobu teaches a memory storing programmed recording information. When this feature taught by Yoshinobu is incorporated in the device taught by Yuyama and Takei would ensure the recording reservation information in case of electric power suspension.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAT CHIO whose telephone number is (571)272-9563. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM EST.

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